



Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy



April 10, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are in the 5th week of Lent and as our Lenten journey moves into what we consider the holiest of weeks, our prayer is that we all continue examining our hearts and minds to bring a renewal to our souls. Our students have been encouraged to make self-sacrifices this Lent and each homeroom has been collecting coins which will be turned in on Thursday and given to the poor. We appreciate all of you who are very intentional in teaching your children about being selfless and generous of heart. Please take a few minutes to read some of the highlights since our last bulletin.

Athletics

- The annual primary school track and field championships ended last week. A great big thank you to Coach Parkes and our team who worked very hard. Even though we only received two medals, we are very proud of the fact that many of our students made it to the finals in most of the track events.
- Our soccer teams have held their own this season. There may be a few more games after the Easter holiday break.
- Some of our primary students have been enjoying tennis during their PE classes. A great big thank you to our parent, tennis pro, Mr. Godfrey “Gully” Bowe for sharing his time and talent with our students.

Academics

- **Down Home Festivities** – our week of celebrating all things Bahamian will culminate on **Friday** (10am – 11:30am) with a wonderful display of Bahamian culture. This festival is in its 3rd decade and we are proud to continue the tradition started by former teachers Renee Hall (deceased) and Carla Brown-Roker. We invite you to stop by the auditorium to view the wonderful displays created by our primary school students and their parents.
- **BJC Mock Exams** begin after the Easter Break: **May 6 – 10, 2019**
- **GLAT Exams: May 6 – 9 (gr. 3); May 6 – 10 (gr. 6)**
- **BGCSE Art exam begins April 24, during the Easter break.** Please ensure that your child is present for the start of this exam. The external examination schedule is posted in your child’s homeroom.
- **Primary End of Term exam dates:** May 21 Math (K5 – Gr. 6); May 22 & 23 Language and Writing (Gr. 6); May 29 & 30 Language & Writing (K5 – Gr. 5)

Finances

- You are reminded that the full amount for **term 3 must be paid on or before your child returns to school on April 29. We cannot offer anymore extensions. Internal exams cannot be written if there is a balance on your child’s tuition.**
- Breakdown of tuition payments: All tuition and fees must be paid, in full, by the first Monday in each of the following months – September, December and March. You are putting your child at a serious disadvantage when you do not meet your financial obligations.

Crusader Pride

- Yearbooks – the new yearbook is soon going to print; order forms are due, with \$40 payment, on May 3.
- Crusader Pride Shirts – a few sizes are still available for sale. See Miss Grant in the high school office. \$20 per shirt

Congratulations

- **Asher Johnson** (gr. 7) – will represent The Bahamas at the Carifta Swimming championships over the Easter break.
- **Destiny Duhaney** (gr. 10) and **Matthew Deveaux** (gr. 9) – were recently crowned Jr. Golf Champions
- The 2019 **National Arts Festival** is now in the history books. We are very pleased with our hardworking students and teachers who represented us very well in drama, music and dance. Now we await the results!
- **Danae Malcolm** (gr. 11) and **Adrian Quintana** (gr. 10) represented our school very well at the recent MUN Debating championships in Nassau, just missing out on a 3rd place finish. Thank you to **Coach Evelyn Pinder-Dames** who is very proud of the students.
- **Kofi Bowe** (gr. 11) recently competed in an international tennis competition in the USA, winning his doubles match and was the runner up in the singles match.

Reminders

- Neckties must be worn every Monday and Thursday.
- The school day begins at 8:25am and ends at 3:10pm.
- Parents must notify the administrators, in writing, if their child will be absent from school.
- PE uniforms must be worn during each PE class or students will be placed in detention, as well as lose points for that day’s class.
- Ties and PE uniforms are sold from the primary office each day. Winter jackets are sold from the high school office.
- Students will only be allowed to write exams on a different day in extreme situations; do not make travel plans that will cause your child to miss an exam.
- **Whenever we have dress up days, students are expected to wear appropriate attire; prohibited attire means: spaghetti straps; pants with rips or holes; tight fitting clothes; graphics depicting violence or sexual overtures.**
- **Students are limited to cake or cupcakes only to celebrate their birthdays with classmates. Prior approval from an administrator is required. No food or party bags are allowed.**
- Students not involved in an after school activity must be collected immediately after the dismissal bell.



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- **If you have to visit the campus during the school day, sign in at the security booth, collect a visitor's pass and proceed to either the primary or high school office.**
- Approved electronics can only be used for academic purposes during class time, under the teacher's supervision. Ear buds and headphones are not allowed to be used. Students not conforming to these rules will have devices confiscated until school closes in June.
- **Your child will serve after school detention for repeated tardiness to school.** Please ensure that your child is in homeroom by the second bell at 8:30am each day.
- Visit the school's website at cboe.cec.edu.bs for more information.

Upcoming Events

April

11	Stations of the Cross – Grade 6
12	Down Home Celebrations Special Assembly – 10:00am
12	Easter vacation begins at 3:15pm
18 – 22	Office Closed
23 – 26	Office Hours: 8:30am – 4:00pm
24	BGCSE Art exam begins
29	School Re-opens: 8:25am

May

3	Christian Attitude Awards and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin
6	Grade 4 field trip to Abaco
7	General PTA Meeting – 6:30pm
6 – 9	BJC mock exams and GLAT exams
9	Last day of school for grade 12 students
13 – 17	Teachers' Appreciation Week
21	Archdiocesan Primary Mathematics Examination
22	Grade 6 Writing Exam
23	Grade 6 Language Exam
29 – June 4	End of Term Examinations (Grades 7 – 11)

June

4	Last day of school for students in grades 7 – 11 (after last exam)
5 – 6	Make up exams for students in grades 7 – 11
12	Graduation Ceremony (grade 12). School closed for primary school on this day

Kindest regards,

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Principal